

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Cherokee 
Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

COLLINSVILLE CHURCH,
DEKALB COUNTY, ALA.,

COMMENCING OCTOBER 13th, 1899.



OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ELD. J. B. APPLETON, MODERATOR, Collinsville, Ala.

C. C. DAVIS, - - - CLERK, - Collinsville, Ala.



Next meeting to be held with Providence Church, 8 miles
Southwest of Collinsville, Commencing on Friday be-
fore the Third Sunday in October, 1900. R. L.
Waldrop, Clerk of Church, Chumley, Ala.



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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT MEETING.

ON EDUCATION—E. Crawford, T. A. Capshaw.

ON TEMPERANCE—W. H. Lackey, J. M. Warren.

ON LITERATURE—J. L. Reeves, C. C. Davis.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—Samuel Sparks, C. J. Crump.

ON HOME MISSIONS—C. C. Clayton, W. M. Daniel.

FINANCE, for this year—J. P. Stanley, H. R. Jordan, J. A. Garrett.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches.
2. Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9. Report of committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Read and correct the minutes.
13. Read and correct roll of members.
14. Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

STANDING RESOLUTION—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

NOTE—Rev. M. A. Cornelius preached at the Methodist church Saturday afternoon, and Rev. C. S. Johnson preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Collinsville Church, October 13th, 1899, 11 a. m. After prayer service the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. G. Denton. Text 17th chapter 21 and 22 verses of St. John.

1 P. M.—The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Elder J. B. Appleton read 92 Psalm and prayer by Elder J. W. Stewart.

Appointed Elders J. W. Sandlin and W. L. Culberson to read letters from the churches:

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

- Antioch—E. Crawford, T. A. Capshaw.
Beulah—W. J. Taylor, J. H. Pertree, A. A. Harris.
Black Creek—W. H. Logan, W. E. Railey.
Buron—N. B. Moore, J. T. Mitchell.
Corinth—S. C. Richards, W. P. Clayton.
Collinsville—J. B. Appleton, H. R. Jordan, J. L. Reeves,
C. C. Davis, W. B. Petty, James Ventress.
Friendship—W. T. Halcomb, J. H. Reynolds, W. T. Glover.
Flat Rock—J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood, J. M. Chandler.
Fort Payne—J. P. Stanley, H. J. Hammock, J. D. Monroe.
Gravel Hill—D. D. Hughes, J. A. Garrett, J. C. Copling.
Hopewell—J. C. Guest, D. M. Stott.
Kyuka—J. S. Horton, W. A. Nailor, R. I. Horton.
Liberty Hill, No. 1—A. B. Tidmore, W. H. Tidmore, F. C. Cook.
Liberty Hill, No. 2—T. M. Pledger, W. H. Tallent.
Mount Pleasant—Jas. Upton, Yancy Hall, J. E. Johnson.
Mount Zion—Not represented.
Mount Vernon—J. M. Warren, W. H. Lackey, J. V. Glazener, Robert Renfroe, R. H. Shaw.
Mount Flat—E. K. McKenzie, H. M. Heaton, B. D. Cardon.
Macedonia—A. B. Masters, C. S. Martin, J. W. Croley, W. A. Elenburg.
Mount Tabor—C. J. Crump, W. L. Henley, E. B. Brown.
New Harmony—T. L. Mann, J. M. Westbrook, R. A. Johnson.
New Home—W. H. Stone.
New Hope—C. C. Clayton, W. M. Daniel.
New Canaan—W. H. Panter, J. D. Bivens.
Pleasant Hill—W. N. Plaster, W. J. Dearman.
Pleasant Valley—M. P. Brock, John Mitchell, J. A. Waldrop, H. M. Smith.
Providence—A. N. Mince, M. B. Chumley, W. T. Chumley.
Shiloh—J. L. Pae, A. C. Dickson.
Shady Grove—W. R. Thompson, G. N. Cleland.
Tennessee Valley—M. J. Green.
Unity—J. A. Young, A. P. Stone.
Union Grove, No. 1—L. T. M. Trayler, W. T. Thackerson.
Union Grove, No. 2—C. W. York, M. McKenzie.
Valley Head—Geo. H. Karr.

Called for petitionary letters.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Elected officers for the ensuing year by acclamation: Elder J. B. Appleton, Moderator, and C. C. Davis, Clerk.

Called for correspondents and received Elders W. L. Culberson and G. E. Jones from Etowah Association; Elder M. A. Cornelius from Cedar Bluff Association; Elder C. S. Johnson from Calhoun County Association; Elder H. W. Roberts from Cherokee County Association.

Appointed Devotional committee: Pastor and Deacons of church and W. H. Logan, C. C. Clayton and A. B. Tidmore from the body.

Suspended regular order of business to hear Bro. J. W. Stewart talk on the Baptist Orphan's Home at Evegreen, Ala., and received \$28.24 for the Home as volunteer gifts.

Also Elder J. A. Howard gave us a lively speech in behalf of the Alabama Baptist, our state paper.

Adjourned to 8:30 tomorrow morning.

Preaching at the church at night by Elder J. A. Howard. Text 39th verse of 10th chapter of Matthew.

SECOND DAY—8:30 A. M.

Devotional services led by Elder E. Crawford. Read 29th Psalm and prayer by W. P. Clayton.

Received Elder J. W. Sandlin in his official capacity for the State Board.

Fixed time and place for holding next meeting; agreed to meet with Providence church, 8 miles west of Collinsville, on Friday before the Third Sunday in October, 1900, at 11 a. m.

Read and adopted the report on Education after telling speeches by C. S. Johnson, G. E. Jones and J. A. McMurry.

At 11 o'clock the annual sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Sandlin. Text 14th chapter of St. Mark and a part of the 4th verse, "Why all this Waste." Public collection \$21.88.

Read and adopted report on Temperance, after speeches by C. S. Johnson and G. E. Jones.

Suspended regular order of business to hear Query from Mount Flat church. The Query was, had they done right in setting a Brother to work with the Credentials he had received from the Hardshell Baptist church? Appointed committee to investigate the Query as follows: J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood, A. B. Tidmore, J. W. Croley, E. Crawford, assisted by C. S. Johnson, H. W. Roberts and G. E. Jones. Received report of committee and they advised them to call a Presbytery and give new Credentials.

Read and adopted report on Literature.

Read reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions and adopted after talks by E. Crawford and H. W. Roberts.

Received report of Finance committee.

Received and adopted report of Special committee.

Agreed to have report on Sabbath Schools Sunday at 9 a. m.

Agreed to divide public collections equally with State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Appointed Brethren J. W. Croley, J. A. Garrett and Geo. H. Karr to nominate Brethren to preach the Introductory sermon and Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, which meets in May, 1900, and on report of committee elected J. L. Pace as delegate to Southern Baptist Convention and J. L. Reeves, alternate, and Elder E. Crawford to preach Introductory sermon at next meeting, J. L. Pace, alternate.

Appointed Delegates to State Convention: E. Crawford, A. B. Tidmore, J. L. Pace, J. B. Appleton, C. C. Davis, S. C. Richards, C. J. Crump, J. A. Upton, Jas. Ventress, W. J. Taylor.

Allowed the Clerk \$10 for his services and to use balance of minute fund in printing and distributing minutes.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. tomorrow after prayer by G. E. Jones.

Preaching at the church at night by Elder H. W. Roberts, at Vernon academy by Eld. M. A. Cornelius, at New Camden by Eld. E. Crawford.

THIRD DAY—9 A. M.

Read 133 Psalm, prayer led by Elder S. C. Richards. First dispensed with reading By-Laws and Articles of Faith. Third day of reading minutes of day before. Read and adopted report on Sabbath Schools after speeches by J. L. Reeves, W. B. Crumpton, M. A. Cornelius, J. P. Stanley and W. P. Clayton.

At 11 o'clock we had a sermon by our beloved W. B. Crumpton on Prayer and the Possibilities of Christianizing all Nations. Collection of \$16.09.

We had Eld. J. A. McMurry, of Ga., with us working as colporter; sold a lot of good books and preached some able sermons.

(I hope the churches will not forget to help Bro. J. L. Pace in paying his expenses to the Southern Baptist Convention. One dollar from each church would pay the fare and I believe this is our duty.—CLERK.)

RESOLVED, That the hearty thanks of this body is hereby extended to the members of the church at Collinsville and vicinity for their hospitality in caring for the members of this Association and that we invoke the blessings of God on them for their pleasant, loving christian entertainment.

Adjourned after giving parting hand and benediction by Elder J. B. Appleton. J. B. APPLETON, Moderator.

C. C. DAVIS, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee		
For State Missions..\$ 16.00	Paid out for Missions..	\$139.51
“ Home “ .. 21.73	“ Orphan's Home..	31.64
“ Foreign “ .. 63.81	“ Ministerial Edu..	1.00
“ Orphan's Home..	“ Minutes	17.12
“ Ministerial Edu..	“ Clerk.....	10.00
Orphan's Home pub. c'l		28.24
Public col. for Missions		37.97
For Minutes		27.12
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		\$199.27

C. C. DAVIS, Sec. and Treas.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee desire to offer the following:

The great command of Christ is to give the Gospel to every creature. The great work of the Church is to proclaim this Gospel as the only way of life to our lost race. The man who does not accept these statements as truths has never learned the purpose for which God sent His Son into the world, and he who does not comply with this requirement is an unfaithful servant.

It is estimated that of the 18,000 Baptist churches in the southern states, not half of them ever give anything to the spread of the Gospel, and of those churches that do make contributions, not one-half of the members ever give anything to mission work. Perhaps quite three-fourths of those who have been baptised into the fellowship of our churches are idlers in the Lord's vineyard. This sad delinquency prevails among a people who are rich and increased in goods—a people whose material prosperity has never been equalled by any nation in all the ages past. A careful study of the causes that have produced this fearful neglect of the wants of millions who are dying without God and without hope, has led to the firm conviction that the chief cause is the lack of instruction of these redeemed servants of God—that pastors, many of our pastors, fail to impress the duties upon the minds of their people. The Home Mission Board was never so pressed with calls to enter gates of opening opportunities as now. The report of the Board for the past conventional year is the best ever made by the Convention. Work of the year: The number of missionaries employed for the past conventional year was 653, against 467 of the year before; baptism, 6,552, against 4,739 of the year before. Total additions to churches for the past conventional year, 12,984, against 9,500 the year before. Sunday schools organized, 512, with 14,768 teachers and pupils, against 297 with 7,710 teachers and pupils the year before. Weeks of labor, 17,424. Churches and stations, 2,580. Sermons and addresses, 64,718. Prayer meetings, 12,620. Religious visits 108,339. The amount raised and expended on the field for home missions for the past conventional year was \$65,818 81, against \$54,251 04 the year before. There have been collected and expended in building houses of worship on the field during the past conventional year \$50,050.33 against \$56 385 46 the year before, making a total of money raised on the field \$115,869.14 against a total the year before of \$110,636 50, an increase of \$5,232 64. The work of the Board naturally divides itself into several different departments or distinct fields of labor. Our mountain region, the field comprises part of the states of Georgia, North Carolina, East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky and Southwest Virginia. It embraces a territory about twice the size of the state of Georgia, which is populated by a hardy and vigorous race of people of almost unmixed Anglo-Saxon blood. Their ancestors fought the battle of Alamance ten years before the war of the Revolution began, because the governor who was appointed by the King of England taxed the people of the colony of North Carolina, and refused to give any account of how he expended the money. The large majority of these people are Baptists. Their isolation has been the great barrier to their progress. They need more and better schools, and more instructive preachers. They need men of broader outlook whom they will hear and follow to higher and grander things.

FRONTIER WORK.

The frontier of our mission field beginning at the Kansas line, runs southward to the Rio Grande, and thence along that river to the sea. It may be roughly estimated as being one thousand miles long by five hundred miles wide. This country is rapidly settling up with enterprising people, with courage to face the hard conditions of frontier life. Including Florida the Board had on the frontier about 250 missionaries during the past year. They have preached to over 1,000 churches and stations, baptized 1,761, received in all 3,821 members, organized 87 churches, constituted 126 Sunday schools and built or improved 67 houses of worship. The efforts to plant the Gospel

in that western world, in which the Board has borne its part, have been glorious in their success. It was this Board that in the first year of its existence, guided by the Divine Hand, sent Witt and Creath and Pickett, and Huckens, and Tryon, to join hands with Baylor, and Burleson, and Taliaferro, and Morrell, and Hill, already upon the field, to pre-empt for the Lord the imperial domain of Texas. There are men yet living who remember that day, and now behold, there are within her borders 5,000 churches, and more than 300,000 baptized believers. With joy we exclaim, See what God hath wrought. But the work is not done. There is much land yet to possess. We must aid in sending the Messenger of Peace southward and westward until we have reached everywhere the confines of our territory and left no uncultivated fields behind. In connection with the above is the work among foreign population, the colored race with the Island of Cuba

Respectfully submitted.

E. CRAWFORD,
T. H. CAPSHAW.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee bring words of good cheer. Never before in the history of this work has the labors been so richly blessed. The work is better organized, there are more workers and there has been a much larger number of baptisms than ever before in any one year. There have been a number of new missionaries sent out. It cheers our hearts and stirs our souls to see what is coming to pass in this vast field. On the whole the outlook is fair, our faces are toward the morning. We have great cause to thank God and take courage. Six fields have been occupied, three Pagan and three Papal. They were entered in the following order; China, 1845, Africa, 1850; Italy, 1870; Mexico, 1880; Brazil, 1881; Japan, 1889.

Southern Baptists need to enlarge the working force on each one of these fields, and what's more, need to press on till every nook and corner of this dark world shall see their light. We have now on the field 82 missionaries and 128 native assistants. 845 have been baptised during the year. In all, we have 100 churches, 5,347 members. In 1898 the contributions amounted to \$124,249, amounts needed. As the Southern Baptist Convention has ordered an advance of 25 per cent in our work this year, and while it is binding on no church or individual we hope all will work to secure the amount named or even more. The Baptists of Alabama are asked to raise \$8,000 for the present conventional year. If each church will collect one cent a month from each member we will get more than the amount named above. Let the love of God constrain us. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PERTREE.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to submit the following report: We are glad to note the fact that our common school system is today in better condition than ever before, having \$350,000 added to the amount that we have formerly been receiving. We hope that the time has passed that "anybody can teach school." It means in its essence that neither the state nor the people who compose it care for the cause of education. Millions of money can be expended, thousands of teachers employed, hundreds of thousands of children may carry books to school houses, but unless the spirit of education descend and rest upon the people, their efforts are but the charlatantry of Simon wishing to buy the Holy Ghost of Peter and John. The state is to be congratulated on taking the step forward in behalf of its children by having a state examination of teachers, and it is to be hoped that this is only the beginning of a system that will soon raise Alabama's teaching force up to as high standard as is maintained by any other state in the Union. We are also proud to be identified with a religious denomination manifesting such deep interest in the great cause of education. Some of the best evidences

of that fact are the good institutions of learning fostered by our denomination, especially Howard College, and other schools are well equipped with the best appertanances of modern times, with teachers of unexcelled learning, qualification and Christian piety, of which we ought to be proud as a denomination that we have the services of such a corps of teachers so well fitted to guide the young into higher fields of usefulness.

R. H. SHAW, W. H. LACKEY,
Committee.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

It is a fact so well known as to need no proof that intemperance is a curse that entails untold misery, poverly and degradation in its train, that he who puts the bottle to his neighbor's lips is an enemy to his good name, to his physical health, and worst of all, to his immortal soul; that we as Baptists ought to discountenance alcoholic drinks as a beverage, and members of churches who persistently use such as a beverage ought to be dealt with as those that walk disorderly. We are sorry to report the fact that mere dram drinking is still practiced by some good brethren, who do not regard it as being any harm to go into a drinking saloon or elsewhere and take a drink. This practice we regard as being productive of more evil than the drunkenness of the drunkard or even the dram drinking of the man who makes no pretentions to religion, for no one wants to be like the drunkard. So Brethren, let us do our duty we owe to God and our fellow-man, lest we be partakers with them in their evil deeds, and their sins be upon us. May God help his people to avoid the very appearance of this evil, and surely those cesspools of perdition, grog shops, ought to be avoided as we would avoid the worst kind of contagion.

Respectfully,
C. J. CRUMP,
J. J. CLAYTON.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The first training that God expects us to give our children is in the home. But as long as mortal men and women are fallible creatures, and what we do is imperfect, just so long will it be wise and proper and pleasing to God to supplement every good work done in the home, by other good work outside of the home. We do not claim that the training of children in the Sunday School fits them for the church—but we do claim that the work done in our Sunday Schools leads to certain beneficial results in the lives of both children and adults. The field for our Sunday School work is as broad as our continent: it is limited only by our willingness, or unwillingness, to lay out our strength in such service for the Master. Then let us press the work in every church, and in every community, and cease not our efforts until every Baptist, old, and young, shall be enlisted as active workers in the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. LOGAN, JAMES RAGAN, Committee.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your Committee, offer the following report on State Missions: The State Board is the organ of the Baptists of Alabama. We are doing a grand mission and colportage work throughout the state. We are caring for disabled ministers and widows and orphans, and seeking to foster a spirit of fellowship and co-operation between churches in the Master's cause, and to teach them to contribute to each other's upbuilding. Brethren, we are very grateful to say we are out of debt, and the work more encouraging than ever before. Brethren, let's pray more, talk less, pay more, and resolve to give at least 10c. per member of the Cherokee Association, by so doing there are millions of souls we can save.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. DAVIS. J. B. DAVIDSON, Committee.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, would first recommend a faithful study of the Bible, for in it we can get the knowledge of our Saviour's love to us and of our duties to Him and to our fellow man, and then as helps for our Sabbath Schools the literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Papers: The Alabama Baptist, American Baptist Flag, and the Texas Baptist Standard. S. S. SPARKS, Chairman.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

E. Crawford, S. C. Richards, Luttrell; J. J. Williams, Thirty-Nine; N. F. Adams, J. C. Ragan, Lay; W. P. Clayton, Talley; J. B. Appleton, Homer; P. C. Chitwood, Lebanon; J. G. Denton, Armuchee, Ga.; D. A. Pledger, Starkville; J. S. Horton, Duck Springs; D. M. Burgess, Cedar Bluff; W. H. Lackey, Stella; E. P. Boroughs, Geraldine; J. J. Clayton, Samuel Sparks, Sand Mountain; W. N. Smith, Whiton; J. R. Nix, Rogers; L. Chambers, Rains; E. C. Stone, John Pitts, Mahan; G. W. Ingram, Tip; A. N. Mince, Keener; J. L. Pace, Guest; P. H. Carlyle, Callahan; J. C. Heptonstall, Dawson; T. J. Lankford, Collinsville.

LICENTIATES—G. R. and R. A. Thackerson, Callahan; C. C. Kay, Rogers; W. C. L. Hendon, T. L. Mann, Jink; C. J. Crump, Wills; T. P. Morris, Stella; W. R. Johnson, Thirty-Nine; J. B. Hamric, Groveoak; John Husky, Fort Payne; J. P. Smith, Crossville.

 PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set fourth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows:

 CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God, for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they may judge proper: Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble and directed by the Word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members of their respective churches—of those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead during the year, and the whole number now in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall be opened for the admission of other churches into the union. If any shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call for its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for the use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistent manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first day and each day of the session and remain until the dismissal of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privilege to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this Association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing

and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice, hereinafter set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

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BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an Introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or if he be absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read and shall form the order of business of the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may at the discretion of the Association, be taken up any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion; which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

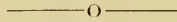
10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close, and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.



DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the creator and preserver of all men of the universe.—1st John 5, 7; 1st Tim. 2, 5; Proverbs 26, 4.

2. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man Christ Jesus, who is God over all, and blessed ever more.—John 1, 14; 1st Timothy 2, 5; Romans 9, 9.

3. That all scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2d Tim. 3, 16; 2d Peter 1, 20, 21.

4. That the law and testimony, as set forth in the scriptures, is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their scriptural concerns, and their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8, 20.

5. That Adam, the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Romans 5, 12, 19.

6. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Romans 5, 19; 8, 29; John 3, 16.

7. That those blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and not of themselves, not of works, least any man should boast not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1, 12; Ephesians 2, 8, 9; Titus 3, 5.

8. God working all things after the council of his own will, foreknown unto Him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to Him and He will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear his voice, and shall never perish; become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when he who is their life shall appear with him in Glory.—Ephesians, 1, 2; Acts 15, 18; John 6, 30; 10, 28, 29; Col. 3, 3, 4.

9. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14, 15; Titus 3, 14.

10. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ without money and without price.—Isaiah 1, 18, 55; John 3, 16.

11. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Daniel 12, 2; John 5, 28, 29; Rev. 20, 12, 13; Matthew 25, 30, and to the end.

12. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Matt. 18, 18; Cor. 1, 2; Eph. 1, 2; Romans 6, 3.

13. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her head, and she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns of judging of the qualification of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of choosing her own officers in conformity with the direction of the Word of God.—Matt. 14, 18; 2 Thes. 2, 11; 1 Cor. 14, 20, 21; Acts 14, 23; (see original) Phil. 1, 5.

14. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—1st Timothy 3.

15. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the Gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water upon a profession of his faith in Christ.—Matt. 18, 19; Mark 16, 16; John 4, 1, 2; Acts 2, 41; Acts 7, 12; 37, 38; Acts 10, 47, 48; Rom. 6, 3; Col. 2, 12.

16. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he comes the second time.—Matthew 16, 28; 27, 26; Acts 2, 42; 20, 7; 1 Cor. 11, 23, 27.


FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR, 1899.

Churches.	Value of Property.	Total.	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, Etc.	Repairs Buildings and New	Pastors' Salary.	Minutes.	Orphans' Home Voucher.	Orphans' Home Cash.	Foreign Missions Voucher.	Foreign Missions Cash.	Home Missions Voucher.	Home Missions Cash.	State Missions Voucher.	State Missions Cash.
Antioch	\$ 250	\$ 9 02	\$ 4 80	\$ 4 47	\$ 10 85	\$ 40	10	25	\$ 2 52	\$ 2 00	\$ 2 50	\$ 2 00	\$ 1 40	\$ 1 40
Beulah	200	13 25	13 25		10 85	40		25	2 00	2 30	50	2 00		
Black Creek	350	35 50	35 50		34 00	1 00			2 30	82				
Bronx		2 80	2 80		11 80	1 00		\$ 2 30	2 50	2 57				
Corinth	1000	17 92	43 10		128 75	1 65		35	2 50	3 00	2 50	2 50	\$ 10 20	1 00
Collinsville	300	6 52	188 70		65 00	1 00			3 05	1 06	1 00	3 05	6 05	1 00
Friendship	300	8 47		4 47	55 50	1 00			3 05	5 70	3 05	3 05	5 60	6 05
Flat Rock	300	8 47			22 00	60			1 76	5 00				
Fort Payne	300	72 05	73 90		55 50	1 00				2 06	1 20	2 00		
Gravel Hill	400	29 36	29 36		22 00	60			4 65	2 25	2 00	40		
Hope Well	400	3 20	3 20		35 00	1 35				3 68	3 68	3 68		
Liberty Hill No 1	400	7 80	47 00	6 00		1 10				3 65	1 90	1 90		
Liberty Hill No 2	300	14 40	14 40			50		50		3 20	1 00	1 00		
Kyuka	250	13 00	13 00		19 00	95				3 20	3 00	3 00		
Mt. Pleasant	400	8 56	8 56		25 00	75				3 20	3 00	3 00		
Mt. Zion	200	38 95	38 95	11 70	19 00	50				3 20	3 00	3 00		
Mt. Vernon	200	3 35	3 35		25 00	75				3 25	2 00	2 00		
Mt. Flat	200	28 95	28 95		9 40	50				3 15	2 00	2 00		
Mt. Taber	100	8 55	8 55		9 40	95				3 15	1 50	1 50		
New Harmony	400	5 50	5 50			50				1 05	25	25		
New Hope	200	14 30	14 30			55				5 36	30	30		
New Canaan	150	1 85	2 10		15 00	40				1 25	1 50	1 50		
New Home	300	2 35	2 35		15 00	40				1 25	1 50	1 50		
Pleasant Hill	300	4 70	4 70			50				5 36	30	30		
Pleasant Valley	300	15 40	15 40			67				1 25	1 50	1 50		
Providence	150	2 00	2 00		35 00	75				1 25	1 50	1 50		
Shiloh	300	6 03	6 03		35 00	75				1 25	1 50	1 50		
Shady Grove	300	2 00	2 00			75				5 36	30	30		
Tenn. Valley	300	4 50	4 50			75				1 25	1 50	1 50		
Unity	200	62 50	62 50			1 00		28 24		1 25	1 50	1 50		
Union Grove No 1	200													
Union Grove No 2	300													
Valley Head	300													
Colleg. at Asso.														
Total	\$ 5920	\$ 756 23	\$ 54 80	\$ 54 47	\$ 353 30	\$ 476 30	\$ 27 12	\$ 65 27	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 35 00	\$ 12 65	\$ 12 65	\$ 28 24


Ministerial Education: Corinth, \$1 cash; Kyuka, \$10 voucher.

STATISTICS OF THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	MEMBERSHIP		SUNDAY SCHOOL.		Pr'ch'g S'bb'ths
					last reported.	Present Membership.	Offi. & T'ch'rs	Pupils	
Antioch	DeKalb.	E Crawford	J M Abercrombie	Luttrell	42	44	6	67	J M Abercrombie, Luttrell
Beulah	"	D B White	W J Millions	South Hill	69	78			
Black Creek	Etowah	No pastor	N B Moore	Blake	15	15			
Burton	DeKalb.	W W Wester	R M Blackwell	Lay	98	91	6	91	S G Jones, Tally.
Corinth	Jackson	S C Richards	M A Cook	Tally	34	33	9	87	C C Davis, Collinsville.
Collinsville	DeKalb.	W L Culberson	J E Appleton	Homer	230	226	8	226	
Friendship	"	E Crawford	S D Hall	Dawson	71	64	1	64	
Flat Rock	"	P C Chitwood	S D Denton	Luna	86	87	4	87	E J Corley, Guest.
Fort Payne	"	W L Culberson	J P Stanley	Fort Payne	86	81	6	81	J P Stanley, Fort Payne.
Gravel Hill	"	J B Appleton	E B Hannah	Brandon	55	63	1	63	J A Garrett, Fort Payne.
Hope Well	"	E Crawford	F B Hall	Whiton	49	50	2	50	J C Guest, Geraldine.
Liberty Hill No 1	"	J L Pace	A B Tidmore	Collinsville	78	72	3	61	F C Cook, Collinsville.
Liberty Hill No 2	Cherokee	D A Pledger	W A Bagley	Starkville	36	36	1	38	C R Tallent, Broomtown.
Kyuka	Etowah.	S L Rogers	C S Brooks	Duck Springs	81	97	6	45	J S Horton, Duck Springs.
Mt. Pleasant.	DeKalb.	E Crawford	J E Johnson	Thirty-Nine	63	70	8	40	E E Johnson, Thirty-Nine
Mt. Zion	Cherokee	J A C Sims	A M Studdard	Powell	71	71			
Mt. Vernon	DeKalb.	D M Burgess	J V Glazener	Stella	169	160	3	160	
Mt. Flat	"	J J Clayton	J M Cash	Halford	96	92	2	92	
Macedonia	"	S Sparks	W A Elenburg	Skirum	91	112	1	112	
Mt. Tabor	"	J Heptenstall	A M Gilbert	Wills	50	59	4	59	
New Harmony	"	R W Roe	T L Mann	Jink	73	75	1	75	
New Hope	"	J Heptenstall	M L Clayton	Crossville	144	143	3	143	J S Bailey, Whiton.
New Canaan	"	S Sparks	A O Mayfield	Whiton	81	88	2	88	
New Home	"	L Chambers	R B Roe	Rains	64	62	1	62	
Pleasant Hill	Jackson	E C Stone	W N Plaster	Callahan	44	46	2	46	J T Smothers, Whiton.
Pleasant Valley	Cherokee.	J B Appleton	M P Erock	Leonard	124	119	6	119	
Providence	DeKalb.	A N Mince.	R L Waldrop	Chumley	65	62	2	62	
Shiloh	"	J L Pace	W H Teal	Guest	23	31	2	31	J T Applewhite, Lydia.
Shady Grove	"	J A C Sims	G N Cleland	Collinsville	25	26		26	
Tenn. Valley	Marshall	L J Williams	B A Foreman	Meltonsville	27	27	1	27	
Unity	DeKalb.	L B Irwin	W H Summerhour	Mahan	50	50	1	50	J A Young, Mahan.
Union Grove No 1	"	John Pitts	T H P Thackerson	Callahan	37	46	4	55	P H Thackerson, Callahan
Union Grove No 2	"	S Sparks	M H Dodd	Crossville	59	98	1	98	
valley Head	"	T W Hartline	C Y Culberson	Valley Head	43	42	1	42	Geo H Karr, Valley Head
Total					2418	14697	1317	16821	252599



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